

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCIES - SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS)

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The unexpected, sudden death of seemingly normal, healthy infants that occur during sleep with no physical evidence of disease.

Note the position and condition of the patient and surroundings and preserve the scene.

Use extreme tact and professionalism. Do not let emotions or prejudices interfere with carrying out appropriate patient care or family support.

- A. Do not make judgments concerning the situation.
- B. Do not add to the parents' sense of guilt or helplessness.
- C. Remember, people react differently to stressful situations.

Basic Life Support

1. Begin resuscitation immediately unless rigor mortis, severe lividity, or early tissue breakdown is evident. If any doubt, resuscitate. Refer to Pediatric Emergencies Cardiac Arrest Standing Orders.
2. If resuscitation is begun:
 - A. Transport, continue treatment enroute.
3. Contact MCP.
4. Call for ALS backup.
5. AED per Standing Order #303.

Advanced Life Support

Refer to Pediatric Emergencies Cardiac Arrest Standing Orders.

Key Points/Considerations

1. Don't let emotions interfere with treatment. Provide emotional support for the parents.
2. Document all aspects of scene and environmental conditions.

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